

MT LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Year 1975Bill # H-164Original bill & hist. CH. Committee on Labor & Emp. Rel.S. Committee on Labor & Emp. Rel.Hearing Date(s) in 1/31 C2/19 C2/24 C CHearing Date(s) in 2/24 C3/19 C C CDate Out CDate Out C

Did this bill originate in an interim committee? Yes NoCommittee

Minutes

Report

1 *Memorandum* BILL NO. *164*
2 INTRODUCED BY *Requested by Dept. of Labor & Industry*
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AMENDING SECTION
5 41-1605, R.C.M. 1947, AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR
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7 ENFORCE LABOR LAWS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
8 DATE."
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14 labor and industry shall be charged with the duty of
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17 default in payment of wages, protection of employees, all
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19 children in any manner, and to administer the laws of the
20 state relating to free employment offices, and all labor
21 laws enacted by legislation.

22 (2) In discharging the duties imposed upon the
23 department of labor and industry, the commissioner of labor
24 and industry may administer oaths, examine witnesses under
25 oath, take depositions or cause same to be taken, deputize

1 any citizen eighteen (18) years of age or older to serve
2 subpoenas upon witnesses, and issue subpoenas for the
3 attendance of witnesses before him in the same manner as for
4 attendance before district courts. The commissioner of
5 labor and industry may likewise inspect any mine, factory,
6 workshop, smelter, mill, warehouse, elevator, foundry,
7 machine shop, or other industrial establishment, and any
8 person who refuses the commissioner admission to any of the
9 industrial establishments herein enumerated when admission
10 is requested for the purpose of inspection, or who shall,
11 when requested by the commissioner, willfully neglect or
12 refuse to furnish to him any statistics or other information
13 which may be in the possession or under the control of such
14 person, or who shall refuse to obey any subpoena issued by
15 the commissioner, is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be
16 punished accordingly. Nothing herein contained shall in any
17 manner confer upon the commissioner of labor and industry
18 the authority to interfere in any manner with the conduct of
19 the matters under the control of the workmen's compensation
20 division, nor shall the commissioner be charged with the
21 duty of enforcing any of the laws of the state of Montana
22 pertaining to the affairs of the workmen's compensation
23 division, nor with the enforcement of the safety provisions
24 of the Workmen's Compensation Act."

25 Section 2. This act is effective on passage and

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1 approval.

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STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. 257-75

FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

compliance with a written request received March 11, 19 75, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note
Senate Bill 164 pursuant to Chapter 53, Laws of Montana, 1965 - Thirty-Ninth Legislative Assembly.

Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members
of the Legislature upon request.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 164 removes archaic language and provides a five percent reduction in retail price for liquor purchased in case lots.

ASSUMPTIONS:

There will be a yearly increase in liquor sales of 5%. Total sales in FY 74 were \$39,728,406.

Twenty percent of the liquor sales are in unbroken case lots.

The liquor excise tax will remain at 16 percent (all deposited in state general fund) and the liquor license tax will
remain at 5 percent. (1 percent deposited in state general fund, 1 percent accrues to counties and 3 percent to cities and towns)

FISCAL IMPACT:

	Total	State excise and Portion of license tax	Profits	County portion of excise tax	City and town portion of excise tax
Estimated decrease in collections - FY 76	\$438,008	\$ 61,540	\$361,988	\$ 3,620	\$ 10,860
Estimated decrease in collections - FY 77	<u>459,906</u>	<u>64,614</u>	<u>380,088</u>	<u>3,801</u>	<u>11,403</u>
1975-77 biennium decrease	<u>\$897,914</u>	<u>\$126,154</u>	<u>\$742,076</u>	<u>\$7,421</u>	<u>\$22,263</u>

CONCLUSIONS:

Enactment of Senate Bill 164 will result in decreased collections deposited in the State General Fund of an
estimated \$868,230 during the 1975-77 biennium. An estimated \$126,154 of the total will be in the form of decreased state
liquor excise tax and liquor license tax collections. An estimated \$742,076 will be attributed to a loss in liquor sale profits
County governments will lose a total of \$7,421 and cities and towns an estimated \$22,263 during the 1975-77 biennium.


BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: March 12, 1975

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

44th Legislature

Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
✓ 164	Authorize commissioner of labor to investigate labor violations & institute proceedings to enforce labor laws.	1/31	Menahan	2/19 2/21	AS AMENDED DO PASS	2/21
✓ 173	Change "commission to "division"; add definitions to conform w/Executive Reorganization Act of 1971.	1/31	Federico	2/17	AS AMENDED DO PASS	2/17
223	Refund in full amount and in lump sum an employees accumulated sick leave. RE-REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE FROM SECOND READING	2/26 3/5	Brand Menahan	2/26 3/5	AS AMENDED DO PASS	2/26 3/5
714	Relating to collective bargaining for public employers; providing for coordinated bargaining.	4/10	Driscoll	4/11	TABLED INDEFINITELY	

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LABOR & EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
February 19, 1975**

A meeting of the Labor & Employment Relations Committee was held on Wednesday, February 19, 1975, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 108 of the Capitol Building, with Chairman Kimble presiding. All members were present.

The following bills were heard in this order:

- HB 573
- HB 164
- HB 399
- HB 611
- HB 238

HB 573--SPONSOR: Robert L. Marks, district 80, said this bill would provide for a personnel system that would help increase employee moral and equality, applying to all state departments, by providing for a merit system council, consisting of five members. The fiscal note attached was not accurate as it included some duplication. This bill would cover those persons who are employed under federally funded programs. He submitted a letter from George Schotte in support of the bill (exhibit I). Proponent Rep. Ora Halverson, district 16, said public employees needed some security and criteria as to the merits of their jobs. Senator Dunkle, district 15, said that they needed a system that would deal with all public jobs, and not just federally funded ones. Charles Seifert, Merit System Council, said this bill would that they be more sensitive to the needs of the job, and would give them more teeth to provide their services.

Opponent Don Judge, AFSCME, said that this would thwart the progress which has been made by the enactment of the collective bargaining act. (exhibit II). Jim Murry, AFL-CIO, said that people are misrepresented as to what a merit system does. In referring to equal treatment in jobs, this would increase costs of \$1.4 million in a biennium to implement, and felt this money should be spent on people on the payroll. Murry also disagreed with section 7, page 3, where the board of Personnel Appeals would be deleted, as labor unions work extensively with the board.

In closing, Marks said that organized labor unions would be excluded from the bill. He said this was not a "right-to-work" bill, and further, that collective bargaining and the Personnel Appeals board would still function. This bill would forge together, the functions of two agencies, resulting in a reduction of costs. The main reason for the bill is to upgrade employee moral.

HB 164--SPONSOR: William Menahan, district 90, introduced the bill at the request of Tony Softich, Department of Labor Standards, who said this would restore the authority of the labor laws as referred to in previous legislation, by authorizing them to investigate labor violations and institute proceedings to enforce labor laws. This would include agricultural and union laws. Proponent Don Judge, AFSCME, said that this was just a housekeeping bill establishing the Department of Labor as the custodial of labor homes.

(see exhibit III).

Opponent Lary McDonald, Anaconda Company, said that this would apply to people already covered by federal regulations, and requested an amendment to exempt them, on page 2, line 24, following "Act.", by inserting "Nothing in this act applies to labor violations preempt by federal law or regulation."

HB 399--SPONSOR: Hershel Robbins, district 46, said this bill would revise the powers of the commission of public safety; and to establish appeal procedures for employees discharged by the director of the Department of Public Safety. Under present law, there is no grievance procedure for any employee who is fired by the director. Under this bill, the public safety commission may reinstate any employee discharged by the director, if the commission finds the charges not valid (see exhibit IV). Dave Wansenried, Helena, explained that the present laws that deal with the public safety commission are vague, and this act would set policies for the department, and appeal procedures for the employees. Dan Misner, League of Cities, said that they supported the bill. Dean Sinnecker, Assn. of Counties, and Rep. Ernie Dassinger, district 50, also spoke in support.

Opponent Cap Bryant, Sheriff & Peace Officers Assn., said this would cause a patchwork of law enforcement over the entire state, as many of the larger cities would not be covered, and felt they should be standardized. John Krsul, Cascade County Sheriff, referred to page 11, section 12, to the effective date. He said that sheriff's employed now are under the impression that they will be in office for four years, and this would cause to terminate them. He said that they were getting away from the elector-idea, and felt that sheriffs should be elected and not appointed. Don Judge, AFSCME, opposed the bill as it would take away collective bargaining rights, on page 7, section 1 (2).

In closing, Robbins said that the opposition spoken on does not really refer to the bill. All the bill does is ask that 3rd class cities join their forces; refers only to those sheriffs that are appointed; and protects those people in the jobs now. The bill has nothing to do with setting policies.

Under discussion, Ellis asked why 1st and 2nd class cities were eliminated, and Misner replied that they were included in a different system, and that there was a definite segregation between the two classes. Travis asked if this would effect the election of a sheriff and Misner said no, that they would continue to serve.

HB 611--SPONSOR: Duane Johnson, District 77, said this would correct present substandard conditions, by increasing the public employer's contribution to insurance for their employees to \$20 a month. Proponent Don Judge, AFSCME, said that this wasn't a negotiable matter with the limitation factor in the law, and by removing the limitation of contributions offered opens up collective bargaining (see exhibit V).

Editor III
MONTANA STATE COUNCIL No. 9 *2-19-75*

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

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FEBRUARY 19, 1975

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 164

MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, I AM DON JUDGE, FIELD REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO, AND I AM APPEARING HERE TODAY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 164.

YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU A BILL WHICH I BELIEVE SIMPLY FINISHES THE LEGISLATIVE JOB OF ESTABLISHING LABOR LAWS AND REGULATIONS. HB 164 SEEMS TO BE A HOUSE-KEEPING MEASURE OF THE MOST PROPER KIND FOR IT ESTABLISHES THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & INDUSTRY AS THE CUSTODIAN OF OUR LABOR HOMES.

TO ENACT LEGISLATION WHICH PROVIDES FOR GOOD LABOR REGULATION AND THEN NOT PROVIDE A MEANS TO ENFORCE IT IS TO NOT HAVE ENACTED THE LEGISLATION IN THE FIRST PLACE.

IT IS MY BELIEF THAT "LEGISLATIVE INTENT" CAN ONLY BE CARRIED OUT IF A MEANS IS PROVIDED FOR DOING SO. THIS BILL IS THAT MEANS FOR MANY YEARS OF "LEGISLATIVE INTENT". I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO GIVE YOUR APPROVAL TO THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 164. THANK YOU.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Don Judge
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BARTH MOVED A SUBSTITUTE MOTION THAT THEY PASS ACTION ON HB 633 FOR THE DAY, SECONDED BY SIVERTSEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HJR 39--FEDERICO MOVED HJR 39 DO NOT PASS, SECONDED BY JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOR EXCEPT ELLIS, ELLERD, GUTHRIE, AND BABCOCK OPPOSED.

HB 164--JOHNSON MOVED TO AMEND PAGE 1, LINE 20, FOLLOWING "and all", by INSERTING "state", AND AMEND PAGE 2, LINE 24, FOLLOWING "act" BY INSERTING "Nothing in this act applies to labor violations preempt by federal law or regulation." SECONDED BY DASSINGER. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FEDERICO MOVED HB 164 AS AMENDED DO PASS, SECONDED BY JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

HB 234--Sivertsen submitted amendments that he worked out with Tony Softich, Labor Standards Division; Bob Holding, MT Private Employer's Assn.; and Noel Stout, ACME Personnel, and felt that they wtook care of the opposition on the bill (see exhibit IV for a rough draft of amendments).

ELLERD MOVED TO PASS ACTION FOR THE DAY SO THAT THEY MAY STUDY THE AMENDMENTS.

ELLIS MOVED TO AMEND HB 234, AMENDMENTS NO. 1 - 6 (exhibit IV), SECONDED BY DASSINGER. MOTION CARRIED WITH JOHNSON AND KELLY OPPOSED.

Further action on the bill was deferred to February 24.

HB 330--Johnson, sponsor, said that if they are going to combat unemployment, they will have to increase the tax wage base. KELLY MOVED HB 330 DO PASS, SECONDED BY McFADDEN. MOTION CARRIED WITH ELLERD, BABCOCK, GUTHRIE AND SIVERTSEN OPPOSED.

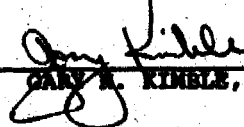
HB 331--JOHNSON MOVED HB 331 AS AMENDED DO PASS, SECONDED BY KELLY. The amendments were just technical notes listed on the fiscal note. MOTION CARRIED WITH BABCOCK, ELLERD, SIVERTSEN OPPOSED AND GUTHRIE ABSTAINING.

HB 332--Johnson, sponsor, said that the mechanics of HB 330 and 331, would effect this one. KELLY MOVED HB 332 DO PASS, SECONDED BY FEDERICO. MOTION CARRIED WITH ELLERD AND BABCOCK OPPOSED.

HB 362--JOHNSON MOVED HB 362-DO PASS, SECONDED BY FEDERICO. MOTION CARRIED WITH ELLERD, AND ABABCOCK OPPOSED.

HB 444--GILLIGAN MOVED HB 444 DO PASS, SECONDED BY KELLY. MOTION CARRIED WITH BABCOCK, ELLERD, AND GUTHRIE OPPOSED.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to February 24th.


GARY M. KINSELE, Chairman


Gloria Wong, Secretary

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

HOUSE BILL NO.	ENTERED COMM.	DATE CONSIDERED	OUT OF COMM.	DO PASS DATE	DO NOT PASS DATE	DO PASS AS AMEND. DATE	BE CON- CURRED IN DATE	BE CONC. IN AS AMENDED DATE	BE NOT CON- CURRED IN DATE
HB 9	1/24/75	2/3, 2/5	2/5/75				2/5/75		
HB 22	1/31/75	2/10/75	2/10/75				2/10/75		
HB 32	1/30/75	2/5/75	2/5/75					2/5/75	
HB 38	1/23/75	1/31/75	1/31/75				1/31/75		
HB 39	1/24/75	2/3/75	2/3/75				2/3/75		
HB 75	2/7/75	2/14/75	2/17/75	Referred to Finance and Claims					
HB 78	2/1/75	2/7, 2/14 ^{2/10}	2/14/75					2/14/75	
HB 95	2/27/75	3/10, 3/13	3/13/75				3/13/75		
HB 100	2/10/75	2/17/75	2/17/75				2/17/75		
HB 109	1/31/75	2/5/75	2/5/75				2/5/75		
HB 147	1/28/75	2/5/75	2/5/75				2/5/75		
HB 163	2/14/75	2/19/75	2/19/75					2/19/75	
HB 167	2/4/75	2/10, 2/17	2/17/75					2/17/75	
HB 172	2/11/75	2/17, 2/19	2/19/75						2/19/75
HB 173	2/26/75	3/10, 3/12	3/12/75				3/12/75		
HB 164	2/26/75	3/19/75	3/19/75					3/19/75	
HB 220	2/15/75	2/26, 3/5	3/5/75					3/5/75	

(Use Separate Sheet for Senate, House Bills, and Resolutions)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MONTANA STATE SENATE**

March 19, 1975

The twenty-eighth meeting of the Labor and Employment Relations Committee was called to order by Chairman Lee on the above date in Room 402 of the State Capitol Building at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL: All members present.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 164: An act authorizing the commissioner of labor to investigate labor violations and institute proceedings to enforce labor laws:

Representative Menahan, sponsor of the bill, appeared before the committee to introduce this bill. Representative Menahan offered an amendment to the bill. On page 2, section 1, line 16 following the word commissioner, strike, "is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished accordingly" and insert, "may be punished in proper contempt proceedings".

Tony Softich, Administrator of the Labor Standards Division of the Department of Labor and Industry, appeared in support of this bill. HB 164 restores the authority for collection of wages. Also the department has this authority solely confined to child labor regulation, terms of employment, wages, bargaining, conditions of labor, prosecution of employers, and all state labor laws enacted by legislation. Mr. Softich also stated that he agreed with the amendment.

Don Judge, AFL-CIO, appeared in support of this bill. This is a housekeeping bill. This merely provides for regulations of the law that was already enacted.

Jim Murry, of the AFL-CIO, appeared in support of HB 164 as amended.

There were no questions of the committee.

CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE BILL 260: An act to protect the state of Montana for money due it as a result of payroll taxes owed the employment security division of the Department of Labor and Industry.

Representative Kelly, sponsor of the bill, appeared before the committee to introduce this bill. This was done at the request of the department. This will protect the employees of Montana. This will also prevent fly-by-night employees.

Tony Softich, Administrator of the Labor Standards Division of the Department of Labor and Industry, appeared in support of this bill. This will prevent having to collection of these payroll taxes due.

Moody Brickett, of the Employment Security Division, appeared in support of this bill. This bill has been requested by the department and has received support from the Advisory Council. There was a lot of work done with the owners of restaurants, bars, and taverns. This

Tony Softich, Administrator, of the Labor Standards Division of the Department of Labor and Industry, appeared in support of this bill. (See attached testimony.)

Don Judge, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, appeared in support of this bill. It is necessary for us to come over to support wage increases for any employees.

Don Colburn appeared in support of HB 274.

Everett Snortland, of the Montana Farm Bureau, agricultural workers don't really want to hire slave labor, most ranchers pay good wages. It is sometimes very hard to find good people. Ranching is a seasonal job and it is difficult to get the type of employees you would like. It is turning into man against machine. If a rancher is going to pay more than he can afford for help he is likely to invest that money into machines.

Fred Plummer, President of the Montana State Nursing Home in Missoula, appeared in opposition to this bill. Any increase above what we are paying now would be a difficult problem for nursing homes to meet. Mr. Plummer stated that his payroll presently exceeds \$26,000. We would like to pay more but this is impossible.

Larry Huss, of the Montana Contractors Association, at this time stood up to clear up some false information that is being stated about him. It has been rumored that the National Federation of Independent Business Men have an attorney by the name of "Larry Huss" representing them. Mr. Huss wanted it known that he does not represent them.

Representative Baeth, in closing, that the 25% increase on page 4 would actually show a very slight increase.

Discussion was then held by the committee. At this point Senator Olson asked what the Federal minimum wage scale would be. Tony Softich stated that the amendments went into effect May 1, 1974. The increase in minimum wage rate for nonagricultural employees is not less than \$1.90 an hour ending December, \$2.00 January 1, 1975, \$2.20 January 1, 1976 and then up to \$2.30 Dec. 31 1976. (See attached Act.) Socs Varatis also presented a schedule of minimum wages. (See attached.)

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 274: Senator Blaylock moved to adopt the amendments. (See standing committee report.) Motion carried with Senator Mehrens opposed. Senator Blaylock then moved that HB 274 AND AS SO AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN, motion carried with Senator's Hazelbaker, Etchart and Olson opposed.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 234: Senator Smith moved that HB 234 BE CONCURRED IN, motion carried unanimously.

DISPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 260: Senator Smith moved that HB 260 BE CONCURRED IN, motion carried unanimously.

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

March 19, 1975

MR. PRESIDENT

We, your committee on LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

having had under consideration HOUSE Bill No. 164

Respectfully reports as follows: That HOUSE Bill No. 164, third reading copy, be amended as follows:

1. Amend page 2, section 1, line 16.

Following: "commissioner,"

Strike: "is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished accordingly"

Insert: "may be punished in proper contempt proceedings"

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AND AS SO AMENDED, BE CONCURSED IN

HOUSE BILL NO. 164

INTRODUCED BY MENAHAN

(BY REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY)

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